AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (original) A method of generating a caricatured image, comprising the steps of:

storing image representations of subjects and corresponding respective caricatured image representations of the subjects;

receiving an image representation of a new subject; and

generating a caricatured image representation of the new subject in dependence on the stored image representations of the subjects and the received image representation of the new subject.

2. (original) A method of generating caricatured images, comprising the steps of:

storing image representations of subjects and corresponding respective caricatured image representations of the subjects;

receiving an image representation of a new subject; and

generating replacement caricatured image representations of the subjects in dependence on the stored image representations thereof and the received image representation of the new subject.

3. (original) A method according to claim 2, and further comprising the step of generating a caricatured image representation of the new subject in dependence on the stored image representations of the subjects and the received image representation of the new subject.

4. (currently amended) A method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the generating steps comprise generating the caricatured image representation/s in weighted dependence on the received image representation of the

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new subject, wherein a weighting factor associated with the new image representation generally increases with time, and the caricature image representations are re-generated each time the weighting factor is adapted.

5. (currently amended) A method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the subjects form a closed group of subjects, and the method is performed whenever a new subject joins the closed group.

6. (original) A method of generating caricatured images, comprising the steps of:

storing image representations of subjects and corresponding respective caricatured image representations of the subjects;

receiving a leave signal indicating a particular one or more of the subjects for which image representations are stored; and

generating replacement caricatured image representations in dependence on the stored image representations of the subjects at least partially discounting the image representations of the indicated subjects.

7. (original) A method according to claim 6, wherein the image representations of the indicated subjects are generally increasingly discounted over time in accordance with a weighting factor, wherein the caricature image representations are re-generated each time the weighting factor is adapted.

8. (currently amended) A method according to claim 6 ~~or 7~~, wherein the subjects form a closed group of subjects, and the method is performed whenever one or more of the subjects leave the closed group.

9. (currently amended) A computer program or suite of computer programs arranged such that when it/they are executed by a computer system it/they cause/s the computer system to perform the method of ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1.

10. (original) A computer readable storage medium storing a computer program or at least one of the suite of computer programs according to claim 9.

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11. (original) A system for generating a caricatured image, comprising:

storage means arranged in use to store image representations of subjects and corresponding respective caricatured image representations of the subjects;

input means for receiving an image representation of a new subject; and

processing means arranged in use to generate a caricatured image representation of the new subject in dependence on the stored image representations of the subjects and the received image representation of the new subject.

12. (original) A system for generating caricatured images, comprising:

storage means arranged in use to store image representations of subjects and corresponding respective caricatured image representations of the subjects;

input means for receiving an image representation of a new subject; and

processing means arranged in use to generate replacement caricatured image representations of the subjects in dependence on the stored image representations thereof and the received image representation of the new subject.

13. (original) A system according to claim 12, wherein the processing means is further arranged to generate a caricatured image representation of the new subject in dependence on the stored image representations of the subjects and the received image representation of the new subject.

14. (currently amended) A system according to ~~any of claims 11 to 13~~ claim 11, wherein the processing means is further arranged to generate the caricatured image representation/s in weighted dependence on the received image representation of the new subject, wherein a weighting factor associated with the new image representation generally increases with time, and the caricature image representations are re-generated each time the weighting factor is adapted.

15. (currently amended) A system according to ~~any of claims 11 to 14~~ claim 11, wherein the subjects form a closed group of subjects, and the system is operated whenever a new subject joins the closed group.

16. (original) A system for generating caricatured images, comprising :

storage means arranged in use to store image representations of subjects and corresponding respective caricatured image representations of the subjects;

means for receiving a leave signal indicating a particular one or more of the subjects for which image representations are stored; and

processing means arranged in use to generate replacement caricatured image representations in dependence on the stored image representations of the subjects but at least partially discounting the image representations of the indicated subjects.

17. (original) A system, according to claim 16, wherein the image representations of the indicated subjects are generally increasingly discounted over time in accordance with a weighting factor, wherein the caricature image representations are re-generated each time the weighting factor is adapted.

18. (currently amended) A system according to claim 16 ~~or 17~~, wherein the subjects form a closed group of subjects, and the system is operated whenever one or more of the subjects leave the closed group.